

raise their respect, and at the same time speak with, perfect frankness and in the plainest fashion in pointing out that everything they had done in the past and everything they might do in the future depended upon their absolute and unflinching loyalty to English rule. I told him that I would very gladly do what he suggested, for I was quite as strongly convinced of the truth of what he said as he was himself. I added that the fact that he, the representative of British rule in the Sudan, was an Austrian, only emphasized in my mind the fundamental truth that English rule in the Sudan was really the rule of civilization, and that every believer in justice and in progress all over the world should uphold it.

Accordingly I went to the reception given me by the officers at their club, and made the speech which you doubtless remember; trying my best to use such language and arguments as would add to the self-respect of my hearers, by making them understand how heartily I respected them; while at the same time I spoke with unmistakable plainness as to their duty of absolute loyalty, and as to the ruin which would come to both Egypt and the Sudan unless the power and prestige of the English rule were kept undiminished. I believe the speech accomplished its purpose; at least that is what Slatin Pasha told me and what the Sirdar wrote me at the time, and what Sir Ian Hamilton on his return from the Sudan also wrote me, and has recently told me.

The speech, however, when reported in

Egypt, caused
an outburst of anger and criticism among the
Egyptian
Nationalists, the anti-English and fanatically
Moslem
party. "When I got into Egypt, and especially
when I
reached Cairo, I found a curious state of
things. The
country had obviously prospered astoundingly,
both from
the material and the moral standpoints, as
compared with
conditions as I had seen them over thirty
years before;
but the very prosperity had made Jeshuren
wax fat and
kick. In Cairo and Alexandria many of the
noisy leaders
of the Nationalist movement were merely
Levantine Mos-